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Note by the Chairman

Addendum

1. At its 8th meeting, on 25 October 1993, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) decided to revise its programme of work relating to agenda items 84, 85, 86 and 87 (see A/C.4/48/L.1, p. 3), as follows:

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (item 84)	8 November - a.m. and p.m. 9 November - p.m. 10 November - a.m. and p.m. 11 November - p.m.
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 85)	15 November - p.m. 17 November - p.m. 18 November - p.m. 19 November - p.m.
Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (item 86)	22 November - a.m. and p.m. 23 November - a.m. and p.m.
Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects (item 87)	24 November - a.m. and p.m. 26 November - a.m. and p.m.

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Agenda item 83

EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Portugal, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, by which it established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions on the subject, including resolution 47/66 of 14 December 1992, in which, inter alia, it requested the Scientific Committee to continue its work,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, 1/

Reaffirming the desirability of the Scientific Committee continuing its work,

Concerned about the potentially harmful effects on present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

Conscious of the continued need to examine and compile information about atomic and ionizing radiation and to analyse its effects on man and the environment,

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1/ A/48/46.

1. Commends the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation for the valuable contribution it has been making in the course of the past thirty-eighth years, since its inception, to wider knowledge and understanding of the levels, effects and risks of atomic radiation and for fulfilling its original mandate with scientific authority and independence of judgement;

2. Notes with satisfaction the completion in 1993 of the eleventh comprehensive report of the Scientific Committee on the sources and effects of ionizing radiation, 2/ providing to the scientific and world community its latest evaluations of the sources and effects of ionizing radiation;

3. Requests the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its important activities, to increase knowledge of the levels, effects and risks of ionizing radiation from all sources;

4. Endorses the intentions and plans of the Scientific Committee for its future activities of scientific review and assessment on behalf of the General Assembly;

5. Also requests the Scientific Committee to continue at its next session the review of the important problems in the field of radiation and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

6. Requests the United Nations Environment Programme to continue providing support for the effective conduct of the work of the Scientific Committee and for the dissemination of its findings to the General Assembly, the scientific community and the public;

7. Expresses its appreciation for the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and non-governmental organizations, and invites them to increase their cooperation in this field;

8. Invites Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations concerned to provide further relevant data about doses, effects and risks from various sources of radiation, which would greatly help in the preparation of future reports of the Scientific Committee to the General Assembly.

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Agenda item 89

SCIENCE AND PEACE

Costa Rica: draft decision

The General Assembly,

On the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), decides to defer consideration of item 89 on science and peace until its forty-ninth session, and looks forward to the report of the Secretary-General as called for in General Assembly resolution 45/70 of 11 December 1990.

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Agenda item 18

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Fourth Committee

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Western Sahara,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling its resolution 47/25 of 25 November 1992,

Recalling also the agreement in principle given on 30 August 1988 by the Kingdom of Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro to the proposals of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in the context of their joint mission of good offices,

Recalling further Security Council resolutions 621 (1988) of 20 September 1988, 658 (1990) of 27 June 1990, 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991 and 725 (1991) of 31 December 1991 relating to the question of Western Sahara,

Recalling with satisfaction the entry into force of the cease-fire in Western Sahara on 6 September 1991, in accordance with the proposal of the Secretary-General accepted by the two parties,

Taking note of the adoption of resolution 809 (1993) by the Security Council on 2 March 1993,

Noting the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 4 August 1993 addressed to the Secretary-General, 1/

Considering that the holding of talks between the two parties in Laayoune from 17 to 19 July 1993 is a positive development,

Having examined the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 2/

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General, 3/

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Pays tribute to the Secretary-General and to his Special Representative for their action with a view to settling the question of Western Sahara by the implementation of the settlement plan;

3. Reiterates its support for further efforts of the Secretary-General for the organization and supervision by the United Nations, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity, of a referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, in conformity with resolutions 658 (1990) and 690 (1991) by which the Security Council adopted the settlement plan for Western Sahara;

4. Endorses the contents of the letter dated 4 August 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General in which the members of the Council, inter alia, fully support the efforts of the Secretary-General to make swift progress on the preparations for holding a referendum in accordance with resolution 809 (1993), note that the Identification Commission has begun its preparatory work, welcome the reaffirmation by the two parties of their commitment to the implementation of the peace plan in its entirety, in particular their encouraging responses to the Secretary-General's compromise proposal concerning the interpretation and application of the criteria, and share the hope of the Secretary-General that direct talks between the two parties will soon resume;

5. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to consider the situation in Western Sahara, bearing in mind the ongoing referendum process, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

1/ S/26239.

2/ A/48/43 (Part V), chap. IX.

3/ A/48/426.

6. Invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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Agenda item 119

OFFERS BY MEMBER STATES OF STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR INHABITANTS OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Madagascar, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania and Vanuatu: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/17 of 16 November 1992,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories, 1/ prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,

Conscious of the importance of promoting the educational advancement of the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Strongly convinced that the continuation and expansion of offers of scholarships is essential in order to meet the increasing need of students from Non-Self-Governing Territories for educational and training assistance, and considering that students in those Territories should be encouraged to avail themselves of such offers,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

1/ A/48/443.

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have made scholarships available to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. Invites all States to make or continue to make generous offers of study and training facilities to the inhabitants of those Territories that have not yet attained self-government or independence and, wherever possible, to provide travel funds to prospective students;

4. Urges the administering Powers to take effective measures to ensure the widespread and continuous dissemination in the Territories under their administration of information relating to offers of study and training facilities made by States and to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of such offers;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution.

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QUESTION OF GIBRALTAR

Draft consensus submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly, recalling its decision 47/411 of 25 November 1992 and recalling at the same time that the statement agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Brussels on 27 November 1984 1/ stipulates, inter alia, the following:

> "The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis on economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters. Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution",

takes note of the fact that, as part of this process, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Spain and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hold annual meetings alternately in each capital, the most recent of which took place at Madrid on 1 March 1991, and urges both Governments to continue their negotiations with the object of reaching a definitive solution to the problem of Gibraltar in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations.

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United States of America: amendments to the consolidated draft resolution contained in document A/48/23 (Part VI), chapter X, paragraph 28

1. Page 7, draft resolution A: operative paragraph 1, first line

   For Approves read Notes

2. Page 8, draft resolution A: operative paragraph 8, fifth line

   Delete including marine resources,

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United States of America: amendments to the draft resolution on American Samoa, contained in document A/48/23 (Part VI), chapter X, paragraph 28

Page 10, draft resolution B.I: delete operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

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United States of America: amendments to the draft resolution on Guam, contained in document A/48/23 (Part VI), chapter X, paragraph 28

1. Page 15, draft resolution B VI: replace the second preambular paragraph by the following text:

> Noting that pursuant to the request of the Government of Guam and the recommendation of the independent Base Relocation and Closure Commission of the administering Power, the administering Power has approved of the closure of aviation activities at the Naval Air Station Agana,

2. Page 16, draft resolution B VI, operative paragraph 1, second line

For should read does

3. Page 16, draft resolution B VI, operative paragraph 3, first line

For 1990 read 1988

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United States of America: amendments to the draft resolution on the United States Virgin Islands, contained in document A/48/23 (Part VI), chapter X, paragraph 28

1. Page 20, draft resolution B X: replace the second preambular paragraph by the following

Noting that a referendum on political status in the Territory was held on 11 October 1993,

2. Page 21, draft resolution B X: replace operative paragraph 1 by the following

Notes the consultative character of the referendum which was held on 11 October 1993;

3. Page 21, draft resolution B X: delete operative paragraph 4 and renumber operative paragraph 5 as operative paragraph 4.

4. Page 21, draft resolution B X: delete operative paragraph 6 and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

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ACTIVITIES OF THOSE FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS WHICH IMPEDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IN TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION AND EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Papua New Guinea*: amendments to the draft resolution contained in document A/48/23 (Part III), chapter V, paragraph 13

1. Page 4

(a) Replace the title by the following

Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination

(b) Replace the first preambular paragraph by the following:

Having considered the item entitled "Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination",

2. Page 5

(a) Ninth preambular paragraph, second line

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* On behalf of the States members of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

(b) Operative paragraph 4, fifth line

Delete , apartheid

(c) Delete operative paragraph 5 and renumber operative paragraph 6 as operative paragraph 5

3. Page 6

(a) Delete operative paragraph 7 and renumber the succeeding paragraphs accordingly

(b) New operative paragraph 11 (former operative paragraph 13), fourth line

Delete and in the struggle against apartheid

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration

Papua New Guinea**: amendments to the draft decision contained in document A/48/23 (Part III), chapter VI, paragraph 14

Page 10

Delete operative paragraph 5.

Delete operative paragraph 6.

Renumber the succeeding operative paragraphs accordingly.

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** On behalf of the States members of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Papua New Guinea*: amendments to the draft resolution contained in document A/48/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, paragraph 15

1. Page 5

(a) Delete the sixth preambular paragraph

(b) New seventh preambular paragraph (former eighth preambular paragraph), second line

After 1994, add and expressing the hope that these elections will lead to the establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa,

(c) Delete the former tenth preambular paragraph

2. Page 6

(a) New sixteenth preambular paragraph (former eighteenth preambular paragraph), second line

For have been committed read were committed

(b) Delete the former twenty-fourth preambular paragraph

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* On behalf of the States members of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

3. Page 8

(a) Operative paragraph 15, third and fourth lines

Delete , returning refugees and exiles and released political prisoners

(b) Replace operative paragraph 16 by the following text

16. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to increase their support for the forces working for the transformation of South Africa into a united, democratic and non-racial society, on the basis of the pertinent provisions of the Programme of Action contained in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa;

(c) Replace operative paragraph 17 by the following text

17. Appeals to the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to render all possible assistance to the front-line and neighbouring States to enable them to rebuild their economies, which were adversely affected by acts of aggression and destabilization by South Africa;

(d) Delete operative paragraph 18 and renumber the succeeding operative paragraphs accordingly.

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Chairman

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will take action on the draft resolutions and draft decisions and the amendments thereto on agenda items 18, 116, 117, 118 and 119 (see document A/C.4/48/1) contained in the documents indicated, in the order given below:

	Draft resolutions/decisions/amendments	Item
1.	A/48/23 (Part IV), chap. VIII, para. 10 (p. 11)	Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations [116]
2.	Amendments A/C.4/48/L.11 A/48/23 (Part III), chap. V, para. 13 (p. 4)	Activities of those foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa [117] Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]
3.	Amendments A/C.4/48/L.12 A/48/23 (Part III), chap. VI, para. 14 (p. 9)	Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration

	Draft resolutions/decisions/amendments	Item
4.	Amendments A/C.4/48/L.13 A/48/23 (Part IV), chap. VII, para. 15 (p. 4)	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [118]
5.	A/C.4/48/L.5	Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [119]
		Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]
6.	A/C.4/48/L.4	- Western Sahara
7.	A/C.4/48/L.6	- Gibraltar
8.	A/48/23 (Part VII), chap. XI, para. 9 (p. 2)	- New Caledonia
9.	Amendments A/C.4/48/L.7, L.8, L.9 and L.10 A/48/23 (Part VI), chap. X, draft resolution (p. 6)	- American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands
10.	Draft decision I (p. 22)	- Pitcairn
11.	Draft decision II (p. 22)	- St. Helena

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Agenda items 88 and 122

QUESTIONS RELATING TO INFORMATION

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of draft resolution B contained in document A/48/21, paragraph 86

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 10th meeting, on 28 May 1993, the Committee on Information decided by consensus to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "United Nations public information policies and activities" (A/AC.198/1993/L.2). A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/AC.198/1993/L.3. That draft resolution has now been submitted for consideration by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/48/21, para. 86, draft resolution B).

A. Requests contained in draft resolution B

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 23 of draft resolution B, entitled "United Nations public information policies and activities", the General Assembly would:

A. Call upon the Secretary-General, in respect of United Nations public information policies and activities, to implement the following recommendations, in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions, and in this regard to ensure that the Department of Public Information:

(a) Continues to disseminate information about the activities of the United Nations in coordination with the information services of other relevant agencies in accordance with the United Nations medium-term plan, the programme budget and their relevant revisions, pertaining, inter alia to:

(i) International peace and security;

(ii) Disarmament;

(iii) Peace-keeping operations and peacemaking;

(iv) Decolonization and the situation in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the light of the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism;

(v) The promotion and protection of human rights and in that context the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights;

(vi) The elimination of all forms of racial discrimination;

(vii) The advancement of the status of women and their role in society;

(viii) The promotion of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

(ix) Problems of economic and social development, as well as international economic cooperation aimed at resolving external debt problems;

(x) The least developed countries;

(xi) The environment and development;

(xii) The elimination of foreign occupation;

(xiii) The campaign against terrorism in all its forms in line with General Assembly resolution 40/61 of 9 December 1985;

(xiv) International efforts against drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking;

(xv) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

(xvi) Support for the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and for the tremendous efforts of the African countries aimed at recovery and development, as well as the positive response by the international community to alleviate the serious economic situation prevailing in Africa;

(xvii) International efforts towards the total eradication of apartheid and support for the establishment of a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa and, where necessary, the role of the United Nations in this context;

(xviii) United Nations activities pertaining to the situation in the Middle East and the question of Palestine, in particular, also including current developments in that region and the ongoing peace process;

(b) Provides the necessary level of information support for the activities of the United Nations in situations requiring immediate and special response;

(c) Continues its efforts at promoting an informed understanding of the work and purposes of the United Nations system among the peoples of the world and at strengthening the positive image of the system as a whole;

(d) Continues its briefings, assistance and orientation programmes for broadcasters, journalists and other media professionals from developing countries focused on United Nations-related issues;

(e) Provides, on the basis of its activities, information to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) about new forms of cooperation at the regional and subregional levels, for the training of media professionals and the improvement of the information and communication infrastructures of developing countries;

(f) Continues its policies of cooperation with all agencies of the United Nations system, and in particular with UNESCO;

(g) Continues its policies of cooperation with the news agencies in and of the developing countries, in particular the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries;

B. Urge all efforts to ensure timely production and dissemination of the Department of Public Information's major publications, in particular the UN Chronicle, the Yearbook of the United Nations and Africa Recovery, maintaining consistent editorial independence and accuracy, taking necessary measures to ensure that its output contains adequate, objective and equitable information about issues before the Organization, reflecting divergent opinions wherever they occur;

C. Encourage the Secretary-General to explore ways and means to revive the Development Forum, which has continued to receive a mandate of the General Assembly, and report thereon to the Committee on Information;

D. Request the management of the Department of Public Information to review the Department's publications and proposals for publication to ensure that all publications fulfil an identifiable need, that they do not duplicate other publications inside or outside the United Nations system, and that they are produced in a cost-effective manner, and report to the Committee on Information at its sixteenth session;

E. Request the Secretary-General to report to the Committee on Information at its sixteenth session, for the purpose of evaluating the need for any subsequent integration, the results of the current trial of integrating 18 United Nations information centres with field offices of the United Nations Development Programme as mentioned in the Secretary-General's report (A/AC.198/1993/7). The report should also contain the views of the host countries, bearing in mind the concerns of Member States that the integration of the United Nations information centres with the United Nations offices could adversely affect their functions in the developing countries;

F. Invite the Secretary-General to make such recommendations as he may judge necessary regarding the establishment and location of new United Nations information centres;

G. Request the Secretary-General to ensure that his proposals relating to the structure, functions and activities of the seven United Nations interim offices in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan fully comply with the mandates of the relevant General Assembly resolutions pertaining to operational activities and dissemination of information, taking into account the observations and recommendations of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/7/Add.16), General Assembly decision 47/469 of 6 May 1993 and relevant General Assembly resolutions, especially resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992;

H. Call upon the Secretary-General to study ways and means to rationalize and effect equitable disbursement of available resources to all United Nations information centres and report to the Committee on Information at its sixteenth substantive session;

I. Request the Secretary-General to continue to consult with the Polish authorities, with a view to finalizing arrangements for a United Nations information component in Warsaw;

J. Call upon the Secretary-General to implement fully and expeditiously the recommendation contained in paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 47/73 B of 14 December 1992 regarding:

(a) The establishment of a United Nations information centre in Sana'a;

(b) The reactivation of the United Nations information centre in Tehran;

(c) The enhancement of the information centres in Bujumbura, Dar es Salaam and Dhaka;

and to submit a report on the implementation of the aforementioned recommendation to the Committee on Information at its sixteenth session;

K. Call upon the Secretary-General to enhance the efficiency of regional radio units in the Department of Public Information;

L. Call upon the Secretary-General to make every effort to create conditions more conducive to achieving parity in the press coverage of meetings in English and French by appropriate utilization of existing equipment;

M. Request the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee on Information at its sixteenth session a report on observations and suggestions submitted by Member States on ways and means of furthering the development of communications infrastructures and capabilities in developing countries, with a view to consolidating recent experience in the field of international cooperation aimed at enabling them to develop their own information and communications capacities, freely and independently;

N. Support the decision of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development requesting the Secretary-General to launch on a priority basis, in cooperation with relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes, a specific programme of public information on the World Summit for Social Development's core issues as well as on its objectives;

o. Support the decision of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held in Cairo in 1994, requesting the Secretary-General to develop and launch, on a priority basis, in cooperation with competent United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, a coordinated public information programme on the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held in Cairo in 1994.

B. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General would:

(a) Ensure that the Department of Public Information continues to disseminate information about the activities of the United Nations in coordination with the information services of other relevant agencies in accordance with the medium-term plan, the programme budget and their relevant revisions;

(b) Submit a report to the Committee on Information on his efforts to explore ways and means to revive Development Forum;

(c) Submit a report to the Committee on Information at its sixteenth session on the review of the Department's publications and proposals for publication;

(d) Submit a report to the Committee on Information at its sixteenth session on integration of United Nations information centres with other United Nations offices;

(e) Make such recommendations as he may judge necessary regarding the establishment and location of United Nations information centres;

(f) Submit a report to the Committee on Information at its sixteenth session on his study of ways and means to rationalize and effect equitable disbursement of available resources to all United Nations information centres;

(g) Continue consultations with the Polish authorities with the aim of finalizing arrangements for a United Nations information component in Warsaw;

(h) Submit a report to the Committee on Information at its sixteenth session on the full and expeditious implementation of paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 47/73 B of 14 December 1992;

(i) Continue implementation, on a phased basis, of provision in conference rooms at Headquarters of the necessary furniture and equipment with a view to achieving parity in the press coverage of meetings in English and French;

(j) Submit a report to the Committee on Information at its sixteenth session on observations and suggestions submitted by Member States on ways and means of furthering the development of communications infrastructures and capabilities in developing countries;

(k) Launch, on a priority basis, in cooperation with relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes, a specific programme of public information on the World Summit for Social Development;

(l) Develop and launch, on a priority basis, in cooperation with competent United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, a coordinated public information programme on the International Conference on Population and Development.

C. Additional requirements at full cost

4. The requests listed in paragraphs 2.A and 2.J above reflect the approved programme of work outlined under section 31 of the 1992-1993 programme budget as well as the programme of work included in section 24 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. No additional resources would be required for their implementation.

5. With regard to the requests contained in paragraphs 2.B and 2.K above, the Department of Public Information would continue its efforts to ensure timely production and editorial independence of its mandated publications and to enhance the efficiency of its regional radio units. No additional appropriations would be required in this context.

6. As regards the request contained in paragraph 2.C above, the Department of Public Information will examine, together with any interested United Nations agencies and organizations in the context of the Joint United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC), any practical administrative and funding proposals that may permit the revival of Development Forum on an assured and continuing basis. The results of such review would be reported to the Committee on Information. No additional appropriation would be required for the production of this report.

7. It is not anticipated that any additional appropriations would be required for the production of the reports, studies and assessments called for or invited in paragraphs 2.D, 2.E, 2.F, 2.H and 2.M above, as they relate to the regular programme of activities of the Programme Evaluation and Communications Research Unit of the Department of Public Information.

8. With regard to the request contained in paragraph 2.G above, the Secretary-General has submitted a report to the General Assembly on the United Nations interim offices (A/48/146/Add.1), to be considered by the Second Committee during the current session.

9. With regard to the request contained in paragraph 2.L above, consistent with the information provided in paragraph 8 of the Secretary-General's statement of programme budget implications (A/C.5/47/57), phased installation of furniture and equipment in the conference rooms at Headquarters to ensure parity in the coverage of English and French from existing resources has commenced. As of late 1992, facilities for French coverage were installed in conference rooms 1 and 3. For 1993, the Department of Public Information is working with the Office of General Services on arrangements to install similar facilities in conference rooms 2, 4 and the Economic and Social Council and Trusteeship Council chambers. For the 1994-1995 biennium, the Department of Public

Information and the Office of General Services anticipate the completion of installation of facilities for French coverage in all the remaining conference rooms.

10. The request contained in paragraph 2.I above concerns the establishment of a United Nations information component in Warsaw. In this connection, it is noted that the Polish Government has agreed in principle to provide rent-free premises as well as a financial contribution of 200 million Polish zlotys (equivalent to approximately US$ 12,700 at current rates) to partially offset initial operating resource requirements for the information component. However, discussions between representatives of the Polish Government and the Secretariat are continuing on a number of unresolved issues (including those referred to in paragraph 7 of the Secretary-General's note (A/AC.198/1993/9) on the enhancement, reactivation and establishment of United Nations information centres). The Department of Public Information will continue to consult with the Polish authorities with a view to resolving all outstanding issues. At this stage, therefore, no additional appropriations would be required.

11. With regard to the request contained in paragraph 2.N above, the Department of Public Information is developing a specific programme of public information on the World Summit for Social Development, the resource requirements for which are reflected in section 24 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

12. As regards the request contained in paragraph 2.O above, the United Nations Population Fund, in consultation with the Department of Public Information, has developed a public information programme on the International Conference on Population and Development. A related provision is included in section 24 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Summary

13. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, no additional appropriations would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Austria*: draft resolution

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/67 of 14 December 1992,

Deeply convinced of the common interest of mankind in promoting the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes and in continuing efforts to extend to all States the benefits derived therefrom, and of the importance of international cooperation in this field, for which the United Nations should continue to provide a focal point,

Reaffirming the importance of international cooperation in developing the rule of law, including the relevant norms of space law and their important role in international cooperation for the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes,

Concerned about the possibility of an arms race in outer space,

Recognizing that all States, in particular those with major space capabilities, should contribute actively to the goal of preventing an arms race in outer space as an essential condition for the promotion of international cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes,

Considering that space debris is an issue of concern to all nations,

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* On behalf of the Working Group on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

Noting the progress achieved in the further development of peaceful space exploration and application as well as in various national and cooperative 1/ space projects, which contribute to international cooperation, and the importance of further international cooperation in this field,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General 2/ on implementation of the recommendations of the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, 3/

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on the work of its thirty-sixth session, 4/

1. Endorses the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space; 4/

2. Invites States that have not yet become parties to the international treaties governing the uses of outer space 5/ to give consideration to ratifying or acceding to those treaties;

3. Notes that, at its thirty-second session, the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, in its working groups, continued its work as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/67; 6/

1/ Cooperative projects during the year under review include the Brazilian data collection satellite, SCD-1, the Portuguese experimental satellite, PO-SAT-1, the Indian multi-purpose satellite, INSAT-2B, the Italian environmental micro-satellite, TEMISAT, and the German Spacelab Mission, D-2 and the Astro-spas retrieval satellite.

2/ A/48/365.

3/ See Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Vienna, 9-21 August 1982 (A/CONF.101/10 and Corr.1 and 2).

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/48/20).

5/ Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies (resolution 222 (XXI), annex); Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space (resolution 2345 (XXII), annex); Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects (resolution 2777 (XXVI), annex); Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (resolution 3235 (XXIX)); Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies (resolution 34/68, annex).

6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/48/20), sect. II C.

4. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee that the Legal Subcommittee, at its thirty-third session, taking into account the concerns of all countries, particularly those of developing countries, should:

(a) Continue, through its working group, its consideration of the question of early review and possible revision of the principles relevant to the use of nuclear power sources in outer space;

(b) Continue, through its working group, its consideration of matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space and to the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, including consideration of ways and means to ensure the rational and equitable use of the geostationary orbit without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union;

(c) Continue, through its working group, its consideration of the legal aspects related to the application of the principle that the exploration and utilization of outer space should be carried out for the benefit and in the interests of all States, taking into particular account the needs of developing countries;

5. Notes that deliberations on the question of the geostationary orbit were undertaken by the Legal Subcommittee, as reflected in its report, 6/ on the basis of recent proposals which might provide a new and enhanced basis for future work;

6. Endorses the recommendations and agreements concerning the organization of work in the Legal Subcommittee;

7. Notes that the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its thirtieth session, continued its work as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/67; 7/

8. Welcomes the decision of the Committee to consider the matter of space debris, and endorses the recommendation that a new item, entitled "Space debris", should be added to the agenda of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee beginning with its next session;

9. Endorses the agreement of the Committee that, under this item, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee would consider scientific research relating to space debris, including relevant studies, mathematical modelling and other analytical work on the characterization of the space debris environment;

10. Also endorses the recommendations of the Committee that the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its thirty-first session, taking into account the concerns of all countries, particularly those of developing countries, should:

(a) Consider the following items on a priority basis:

7/ Ibid., sect. II B.

(i) United Nations Programme on Space Applications and the coordination of space activities within the United Nations system;

(ii) Implementation of the recommendations of the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space; 2/

(iii) Matters relating to remote sensing of the Earth by satellites, including inter alia, applications for developing countries;

(iv) Use of nuclear power sources in outer space;

(b) Consider the following items:

(i) Space debris;

(ii) Questions relating to space transportation systems and their implications for future activities in space;

(iii) Examination of the physical nature and technical attributes of the geostationary orbit; examination of its utilization and applications, including, in the field of space communications, as well as other questions relating to space communications developments, taking particular account of the needs and interests of developing countries;

(iv) Matters relating to life sciences, including space medicine;

(v) Progress in national and international space activities related to the Earth's environment, in particular progress in the geosphere-biosphere (global change) programme;

(vi) Matters relating to planetary exploration;

(vii) Matters relating to astronomy;

(viii) The theme fixed for special attention at the 1994 session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee: "Space applications for disaster prevention, warning, mitigation and relief". The Committee on Space Research and the International Astronautical Federation, in liaison with Member States, should be invited to arrange a symposium, with as wide a participation as possible, to be held during the first week of the Subcommittee's session, to complement discussions within the Subcommittee on the special theme;

11. Considers, in the context of paragraph 10 (a) (ii) above, that it is particularly urgent to implement the following recommendations:

(a) All countries should have the opportunity to use the techniques resulting from medical studies in space;

(b) Data banks at the national and regional levels should be strengthened and expanded and an international space information service should be established to function as a centre of coordination;

(c) The United Nations should support the creation of adequate training centres at the regional level, linked, whenever possible, to institutions implementing space programmes; necessary funding for the development of such centres should be made available through financial institutions;

(d) The United Nations should organize a fellowship programme through which selected graduates or postgraduates from developing countries should get in-depth, long-term exposure to space technology or applications; it is also desirable to encourage the availability of opportunities for such exposure on other bilateral or multilateral bases outside the United Nations system;

12. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee that the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee should reconvene, at its thirty-first session, the Working Group of the Whole to Evaluate the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, to continue its work;

13. Also endorses the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, as endorsed by the Committee and as contained in the report of the Working Group of the Whole; 8/

14. Decides that, during the thirty-first session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space should be reconvened, and invites Member States to report to the Secretary-General on a regular basis with regard to national and international research concerning the safety of nuclear-powered satellites;

15. Endorses the United Nations Programme on Space Applications for 1994, as proposed to the Committee by the Expert on Space Applications; 9/

16. Emphasizes the urgency and importance of implementing fully the recommendations of the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

17. Reaffirms its approval of the recommendation of the Conference regarding the establishment and strengthening of regional mechanisms of cooperation and their promotion and creation through the United Nations system;

18. Expresses its appreciation to all Governments that have made or expressed their intention to make contributions towards carrying out the recommendations of the Conference;

19. Invites all Governments to take effective action for the implementation of the recommendations of the Conference;

8/ A/AC.105/542, annex II.

9/ A/AC.105/533, sects. I and III.

20. Requests all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations working in the field of outer space or on space-related matters to cooperate in the implementation of the recommendations of the Conference;

21. Invites the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the recommendations of the Conference;

22. Notes that, pursuant to the request of the General Assembly contained in paragraph 20 of its resolution 47/67 of 14 December 1992, the Committee discussed the possibility of holding a third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in the future, and requests the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee to continue these discussions at its thirty-first session with a view to promoting an early conclusion on the matter by the Committee;

23. Agrees that the most important step is to define a set of sharply focused objectives for such a conference and that details such as organization, venue, timing and funding should also be considered;

24. Notes that the goals set for such a conference might also be achieved through other means including intensification of work within the Committee;

25. Recognizes the contribution of the Second Space Conference of the Americas, held at Santiago, Chile, in 1993, and the Asia-Pacific Workshop on Multilateral Cooperation in Space Technology and Applications, held at Beijing in 1992, towards promoting regional cooperation in space activities, as well as the meetings mentioned in paragraph 13 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space; 1/

26. Recommends that more attention be paid to all aspects related to the protection and the preservation of the outer space environment, especially those potentially affecting the Earth's environment;

27. Considers that it is essential that Member States pay more attention to the problem of collisions of space objects, including nuclear power sources, with space debris, and other aspects of space debris, and calls for the continuation of national research on this question, for the development of improved technology for the monitoring of space debris and for the compilation and dissemination of data on space debris and that, to the extent possible, information thereon should be provided to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee;

28. Notes with interest the analytical report prepared by the Secretariat on the role that the Committee could play in view of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and

Development 10/ and agrees that it could make an important contribution to the Committee's future work in this area;

29. Requests the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee to review the report at its next session and consider further how the Committee might best promote the effective use of space technology, on the basis of international cooperation, for environmental monitoring and sustainable development;

30. Requests the Secretariat to provide the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee with updated information on the implementation of Agenda 21 by the United Nations system, with information on activities of the Programme on Space Applications related to environment and development, and with suggestions as to how the activities of the Programme on Space Applications in this area might be expanded;

31. Recommends that permanent observer status to the Committee be granted to the Association of Space Explorers, on the understanding that, in accordance with the agreement of the Committee at its thirty-first session concerning observer status for non-governmental organizations, 11/ the Association would apply for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

32. Notes that, in accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, the Office for Outer Space Affairs has been relocated to the United Nations Office at Vienna and that, as part of that restructuring, the Office for Outer Space Affairs would be responsible for servicing the Committee, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee and their subsidiary bodies;

33. Endorses the agreement of the Committee that the meetings of the Committee and of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee should be held at Vienna in accordance with the headquarters rule contained in General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 and that the thirty-third session of the Legal Subcommittee would be held at Vienna and that the venue for its subsequent meetings would be reviewed in the light of the 1994 session;

34. Urges all States, in particular those with major space capabilities, to contribute actively to the goal of preventing an arms race in outer space as an essential condition for the promotion of international cooperation in the exploration and uses of outer space for peaceful purposes;

35. Emphasizes the need to increase the benefits of space technology and its applications and to contribute to an orderly growth of space activities favourable to the socio-economic advancement of humanity, in particular that of the people of the developing countries;

10/ A/AC.105/547.

11/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 20.

36. Takes note of the views expressed during the thirty-sixth session of the Committee and during the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly concerning ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes;

37. Requests the Committee to continue to consider, as a matter of priority, ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

38. Also requests the Committee to continue to consider, at its thirty-seventh session, its agenda item entitled "Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status";

39. Requests the specialized agencies and other international organizations to continue and, where appropriate, enhance their cooperation with the Committee and to provide it with progress reports on their work relating to the peaceful uses of outer space;

40. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in space activities for enhancing security in the post-cold-war era 12/ and calls on the competent bodies to take into account its contents;

41. Requests the Committee to continue its work, in accordance with the present resolution, to consider, as appropriate, new projects in outer space activities and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, including its views on which subjects should be studied in the future.

12/ A/48/221.